

Annual Town Meeting = Annual Recognition

Awards and resolutions bestowed upon several dedicated residents

Roy London Humanitarian Award

The Roy London Humanitarian Award is presented annually to citizens of Westwood (adults or children) who, by their actions, embody the spirit of Roy London. Roy did many things throughout his life to better the lives of others in the Westwood Community. Candidates for this award are those people who have demonstrated compassionate or charitable action to make Westwood a better community.

The first annual Roy London Award was awarded to three recipients, Robert Folsom, Francis Campion, and Colleen Campion.

Robert Folsom is a life-long resident of Westwood. Bob is well known for many contributions he has made to our community. Like Roy London, Bob is a very dedicated member of his church and a long-term contributor to Westwood's Interfaith Council since its inception in 1982. He has been president of the Rotary Club and he volunteers for Meals on Wheels.

Dr. Francis Campion and his wife Colleen have lived in Westwood since 1998. Dr. Campion is a big supporter of Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts in Westwood. He has served as Scoutmaster of Troop 3 and has spent many years providing guidance to boys preparing their Eagle projects. In 2007, he received the Donald H. McLellen Award of Leadership in Scouting in Westwood and, in 2008, he

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John Cronin Public Service Award

The John J. Cronin Public Service Award is presented each year to an individual who has demonstrated exceptional service to the Town of Westwood. This award is named for the late John J. Cronin, Town Treasurer, who for many years selflessly gave of his time for the betterment of the community both as an elected official and in numerous volunteer activities. This year's award went to Robert W. Uek, a former Selectmen for the Town of Westwood. Bob displayed exemplary service, dedication and commitment to the Town of Westwood. He has made valuable contributions while serving for three consecutive terms as a member of the Westwood Board



Bob Uek, recipient of the John J. Cronin Public Service Award. Pictured from left are John J. Cronin, III, Bob Uek, Elizabeth Cronin, and Phil Shapiro.

of Selectmen from 1986 to 1996 and served as Chairman in fiscal years, 1989, 1992, and 1995; and on the Finance Committee for three years from 1983 to 1986 and as Chairman in 1986, improving the Town budgeting and financial controls.

Bob is presently a

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Barb Delisle (left) receives Resolution at Annual Town Meeting. Selectman Nancy Hyde pictured with her. Stories on page 3.

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Did You Know . . .

Protect the Environment - Dispose of Button Batteries and Sharps Properly

- *Did you know* that the Westwood Environmental Action Committee is collecting button batteries for the Westwood Board of Health to keep mercury out of the waste stream? Wheelabrator Millbury Inc. sponsors this fundraising program for non-profit organizations in the communities that they serve in cooperation with local boards of health. Wheelabrator will pay up to \$500.00 per calendar year to the Westwood Environmental Action Committee for all types of button batteries. The group has placed collection boxes in all municipal buildings and local retailers. Please save your button batteries from watches, toys, hearing aids, cameras, calculators and the like and deposit them in the boxes or bring them to the Health Department at 50 Carby Street. Let's protect the environment by keeping mercury out of the waste stream. For more information contact the Westwood Health Department at 781-320-1027. ❖
- *Did you know* that the Westwood Board of Health has a residential sharps collection program? Residents can dispose of their sharps (syringes, needles and lancets) in the **sharps collection kiosks** that have been installed outside at the Senior Center, 60 Nahatan Street and at the Islington Fire Station, on Washington Street. The collection units are accessible 24 hours a day 7 days a week for disposal. ❖

Beginning July 1, 2010, residents can no longer dispose of sharps in the residential trash because of an amendment to the Massachusetts Medical Waste Regulations (105 CMR 480.00). The law mandates that all communities comply with removing sharps from the trash stream.

In order to dispose of sharps in the kiosks, you must use a red one-liter sharps disposal container. The Health Department is providing the disposal containers because loose needles are a hazard. Disposal containers may be picked up free of charge at the Westwood Health Department, 50 Carby Street; the Westwood Town Hall, 580 High Street; and the Senior Center, 60 Nahatan Street during regular business hours.

We encourage all Westwood residents to take advantage of this new program and protect our community from sharps dangers. If you have any questions about the Westwood Sharps Collection Program please call the Westwood Health Department at 781-320-1026/1027. ❖

2010 Federal Census Update

- *Did you know* beginning on May 1st through July 31st, Federal Census takers may visit households for those residents that did not return the Federal Census forms by mail, which is vital and required by law (Section 221, of Title 13 of the U.S. Code). All census workers carry official government badges marked with just their name and may be carrying a U.S. Census Bureau bag. The Census taker should never ask to enter your home. If you have any concerns, please contact the Regional Census Center at 617-223-3700 to confirm they are employed by the Census Bureau. ❖

- *Did you know* that a PDF of the Veteran's Park map is on the Town website and that it shows where the bricks are located and can be searched by name? The first page of the Veteran's Park map is a large format map (36" by 36") that is intended for viewing rather than printing. It shows the location of the Veterans' bricks.

There are two additional pages attached to the map that contain a listing of the bricks by the last name (i.e. SMITH, FRED) of the person being honored.

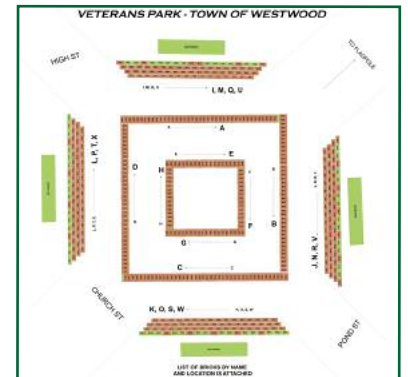
Note: if a brick has more than one name, it is under the single first name listing but the other name(s) are listed there too.

This pdf has some additional special features that can only be seen using Acrobat Reader 9. Acrobat

Reader 9 is a free download but needs to be installed before you open the map to use the full functionality. If you are unable to install Acrobat Reader 9 you will still be able to view the map and search for the name on a brick.

If you have Adobe Reader 9 installed, you have the ability to also view the three lines of text on the brick (not the brick itself - we hope to be able to create something in the future that will allow that) as well as a search that will then show you the location of your brick on the map.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this map or how to use it please contact the GIS specialist by emailing gisinfo@townhall.westwood.ma.us ❖



Town Meeting honors given to residents after years of volunteer service to the Town

Robert Malster Leaves Planning Board after 7 Years

Robert C. Malster, served on the Planning Board for seven years from 2003 through 2010 and served as Chairman in 2007 through 2009 and on the Finance Commission from 1999 to 2003.

Rob was instrumental in the successful review and approval of the Westwood Station permitting process before the Planning Board and demonstrated a willingness to make difficult decisions based on the needs of the Town.

Rob was also involved in the Regional Transportation Board and the Three Rivers Interlocal Council. ❖



Rob Malster (left) receives Resolution at Annual Town Meeting. Selectman Phil Shapiro pictured with him.

Successful Fundraiser in Memory of John “Moby” Wasilunas

Thanks to the efforts of his fellow Public Works employees, other town staff and the Westwood Rotary Club, a Memorial Benefit was held on Saturday, March 27th at Concannon’s in Norwood in memory of John “Moby” Wasilunas, a former DPW employee who passed away while on duty. Several local businesses, friends, residents of Westwood and surrounding communities contributed donations, raffle and silent auction prizes which assured that the event was financially successful. Over 300 people gathered for the fundraiser. The Wasilunas family, his wife, Patty and sons, John, Patrick and Ryan, greatly appreciate the significant outpouring from the entire community in memory of their departed husband and father. ❖

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Trustee/Treasurer of Anatolia College (Greece), a member of the Board of Overseers of the New England Aquarium, Trustee of the Cape Cod Center for the Arts, serves on the Board of Governors of the Investment Company Institute (Washington, DC), Chairman of the Independent Directors Council (Washington, DC), and Board of Trustees of the MFS Family of Mutual Funds. Bob and his wife Mary continue to summer at their Cape Cod home in East Dennis. They enjoy being with their 3 children and 6 grandchildren, and traveling in the United States and Europe. ❖

Barb Delisle Leaves School Committee

Barbara Delisle served as a member of the School Committee from 2007 to 2010 and during her term on the School Committee, she gave unselfishly of her time to the children and assiduously advocated for the education of all Westwood children.

Barbara was involved in the design, renovation and construction of the Martha Jones School, Downey School, Thurston Middle School and Westwood High School, and was willing to make difficult decisions based on the needs of the school system and the students. ❖

New Library News

The Annual Town Election in April gave final project approval for the new main library by a vote of 1,480 to 830.

The next steps will focus on finalizing architectural plans (schematic plans are on the Library website at www.westwoodlibrary.org); writing bid specifications and documents; developing plans to move the Colburn School (sometime in the fall); arranging for project financing through the state grant and a town bond; coordinating meeting and reporting procedures with the Permanent Building Committee; continued fund raising efforts; deciding on interior furnishings and colors; and getting final approval from Town boards.

During this phase, the architects, Finegold, Alexander & Associates, and the project manager firm, Design Technique, Inc., will continue to play an important role along with the Board of Library Trustees and Town employees.

The anticipated ground breaking will be early in 2011. The exact date will be announced later. The library staff will start to formulate plans to provide services during the construction phase when there will be very limited parking at the Main Library. ❖

Adopt an Island

The Town of Westwood wants to thank all the Landscapers and Sponsors that have contributed to the “Adopt an Island” program and especially the Westwood Department of Public Works for maintaining many of the homeless islands in town. ❖

RAINBOW PROFILES: Celebrating the Cultural Diversity of Westwood

(Rainbow Profiles is a series of articles based on interviews conducted by the Westwood Human Rights Committee with Westwood residents who display the richness and cultural diversity of the Westwood community.)

AN INTERVIEW WITH MARK AND SUSAN ROGERS

While talking with the Rogers, and hearing about the ways their very active lives have been devoted to helping others, it wasn't long before I was repeatedly hearing sentiments like: "It just isn't fair!"; "All people are created equal!"; "So many people need help!" It was easy to see that at the heart of it is their deep sensitivity to social inequality, prejudice, segregation, and the consequences innocent people all too frequently suffer. It brings to mind the inspiration and courage our forefathers had in penning the eternal truth, "All men are created equal." Enjoy reading how Mark and Susan, from their diverse backgrounds, have individually and jointly helped improve and equalize living conditions for others, as told in an interview with Westwood Human Rights Committee member, Marge Griffin.

Meeting Mark and Susan

Mark: Of Middle European ancestry, he was born in Boston into the Jewish faith and raised by parents who were "moderate liberals." After a family move to Newton at age 5, he attended public school there. High school graduation was followed by three years of service in the U.S. Navy. "It was World War 2 and I was on an aircraft carrier. We were in the South Pacific and were involved in some uncomfortable situations." And he explained that in combat, he served as an anti-aircraft gun loader. When not involved with combat, his day job was handling the pay accounts of the crew. Upon discharge, the GI Bill funded his education at UMass Amherst where he majored in Business and Economics which prepared him for a career in the thriving shoe manufacturing business, eventually rising to the position of Vice President of Dexter Shoe. He and Sue met at the New Hampshire home town of Olympic skier, Bode Miller, and are now married 56 years. They lived a short time in Newton before moving to Westwood in 1962 and raising their children here.

Susan: Many of Sue's "free-thinking" Welsh and English ancestors emigrated to Massachusetts Colony in 1624 and 1636, shortly after the arrival of the Pilgrims, settling initially in Dorchester and Hingham. "I'm 13th generation Welsh and 10th generation English," she declared, looking quite at home here in America! Her paternal grandfather (Cushing) owned a mill in Fitchburg which provided a comfortable living for his family, while her grandmother enjoyed a career as a

concert pianist. Their extended family included Boston's beloved Richard Cardinal Cushing. Her father settled his family in an estate area of Fitchburg, and although the Depression brought difficult challenges, he was able to provide private education for her at Northfield School for Girls, a school then known to be rich in diversity which included accepting socially underprivileged students. Her mother gave food to the needy. Sue later studied at the University of Vermont, Simmons College, and Boston University.

Although of Unitarian heritage, she grew to love the Jewish tradition after meeting Mark, and when they moved to Westwood she joined Temple Beth David with her husband.

Home and Family

It was a tiny house in Newton which they quickly outgrew as their children were born. "We looked at a lot of towns" recalled Mark, "but there was something about Westwood that appealed to us. One of the things was the good school system, and we kind of liked the character and size of the town." Although not a factor in their decision, you'll soon see why it seems almost prophetic that their new-old house was once part of the Underground Railroad, and that when their 4 children grew and left, leaving many rooms vacant, they opened their home as a Bed & Breakfast, offering travelers of every genre a "family feeling" with their lodging.

Influences On the Course of Their Lives

Susan: Reflecting the "free-thinking" spirit of her ancestors, and becoming aware of social injustices, there welled up within her, from a tender age, a deep concern for the conditions people suffered. Elementary school teachers profoundly impressed her with the atrocities war victims experienced – so much so that, at age 10, she wrote a letter of complaint during World War 2 to President Franklin D. Roosevelt for ordering Japanese-Americans (Nisei) to be uprooted and relocated to internment camps. Also aware of the

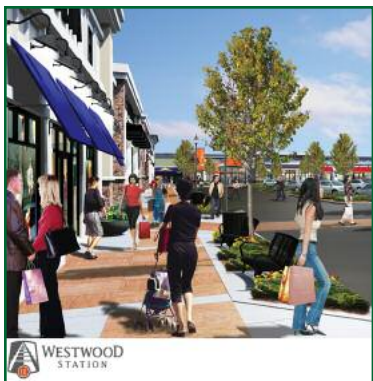


Susan and Mark Rogers pictured in their home. Married 56 years now, their community contributions are long and varied.

Town Meeting Brings Westwood Station One Step Closer

Westwood Station Poised to Launch in 2010

As reported back in March, the Commonwealth has agreed to provide \$55M in public infrastructure funding to construct the roadway network at Westwood Station. The specific roadway work includes the I-95S off ramp at Blue Hill Drive, Westwood Station Boulevard and the Canton Street / Dedham Street corridor, down to and including the I-95N off ramp at Dedham Street. Along with the State's funding commitment came several conditions including a requirement to commence at least 400,000 sq. ft. of vertical construction in 2010 and the Town's participation in a \$6M I-cubed financing.



In keeping with the construction condition, the developer has proposed a 450,000 sq. ft. retail center anchored by Target and Wegman's. Joining the anchors are approximately six junior anchors, 15 small boutique type retailers and

a few restaurants. This reduced phase one will be constructed on 35 acres, leaving the lifestyle center, commercial office complex, free standing condos and the hotels for future development. The newly proposed phase one also required some zoning changes and amendments to the various town issues permits.



At Annual Town Meeting on May 3, 2010, Westwood's residents voted to support I-cubed by a near unanimous margin. Three zoning articles were also endorsed – all by unanimous votes. Once again, Westwood's residents indicated their support for the Westwood Station project. There is a lot of work to be done over the summer to prepare for vertical construction in the fall, but Westwood's staff, boards and public are all up to the task. ❖

Westwood to Have Community Concert Band

Through the generous support of the Westwood Education Foundation, and support from the Westwood Recreation Department, Westwood will have its own community concert band this summer. The ensemble, called WestwoodWinds, will be made up of amateur musicians who wish to share their common musical interests by joining in preparing for a public performance in Westwood. Any resident of Westwood or its surrounding communities who plays a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument is welcomed to participate with no audition requirement. Performing proficiency should be equal to performing concert band music of easy to moderate difficulty. A repertoire of music including patriotic, TV themes, movie themes, Broadway, marches, light classics and popular music will be performed. WestwoodWinds promises to be a fun experience for participants and a treat to its audience.

WestwoodWinds will be directed by James Giurleo, former Director of Performing Arts of the Westwood Public Schools and Westwood High School Wind Ensemble director. "As a life-long music educator, I

know that the passion for music performance never diminishes after high school." says Giurleo. "WestwoodWinds is an opportunity for some of my former students and other Westwood residents to dust off the instrument they may not have used in a while and rekindle their musical interests. I have sent invitations to every WHS Wind Ensemble graduate since 2006. For them and me, it will be a reunion of former friends who will relive the good times of making and performing music together. For others, it will be an opportunity to meet others with similar interests."

An outdoor concert is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at 6:30 pm. The concert will be held on the lawn immediately outside the WHS auditorium entrance. Rehearsals will be held July 7, 13, 14, and 20 in the WHS Band Room from 7:00–9:00 pm. The concert is included in the Westwood Recreation Department Summer Band Concert series and will be free to the public.

For more information, contact James Giurleo by email at jgiurleo@westwood.k12.ma.us/. ❖

Department of Public Works Transitions

Vicki Vickrey is Named Director of Public Works

The Public Works Department is in the midst of a significant transition. J. Timothy Walsh, who served for the past seventeen years as the first Director of Public Works, retired in March. An extensive search was conducted to select his replacement. Seventy-four applicants were considered. The field was narrowed down to three candidates by a Selection Committee to be considered by the Board of Selectmen. Chris Gallagher, the Assistant Town Engineer, capably served as interim Director of Public Works during this transition period.

Vicki Vickrey was appointed to serve as the next Director of Public Works and officially started her duties on May 26, 2010. Vicki most recently served for the past three years as the Assistant Public Works Director in Ventura, California where she managed a staff of one-hundred eleven and an operating budget of \$40 million. Prior to being promoted to that position in 2007, she had served for six years as the Public Works Division Manager for the City of Ventura, five years as the Water Shed and Water Quality Division Manager and six years

as a Flood Control Administrator for Ventura County. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas and serves on the American Public Works Association National Center for Sustainability.

Retirements

John Bertorelli, the Town Engineer for the past five years (with over thirty-five years of public service) and Ralph Phaneuf, the Highway Superintendent for the past forty-one years, retired on June 1, 2010. The Town is currently engaged in an extensive search for the next Town Engineer and is in the process of considering thirty-five applicants for the position which is hoped to be filled in June. The Highway Superintendent is being filled through the summer, on an interim basis, by John Stanovitch, a Senior Foreman at the Highway Department. The Town will also begin a search for a new Highway Superintendent. ❖



Vicki Vickrey, new Director of the Department of Public Works

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received the Great Blue Hill District award. Fran is an active member of St. Timothy's Church where he serves as a Eucharistic Minister and, with Colleen, has helped younger parents prepare for their childrens' baptisms for the past 10 years.

Colleen has served in many different volunteer capacities since moving to Westwood – from educational efforts, to scouting and faith-based activities. As a former French teacher, Colleen brought her love for foreign languages to the schools in Westwood. After offering a successful PTO mini-course at the Deerfield School in 2000, Colleen expanded that program to include all five elementary schools, coordinating and teaching in a program that offered after school French and Spanish classes to elementary students throughout the town.

Colleen has served on the Foreign Language Curriculum Review Committee and was a member of the School Advisory Councils at the Deerfield Elementary School and at the Thurston Middle School. Like Fran, Colleen has been involved in scouting in Westwood, serving as a Girl Scout Troop Leader for 7 years. The Campion's generosity showed when they invited friends to live in their home with them in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. ❖



Upcoming Events

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Psyched for the summer? Westwood Recreation is ready and offering amazing programs for all ages that include: Summer Adventure, Swim Lessons, Swim Team, Aqua Fitness, Sports Clinics, Tennis Clinics and Lessons, Round Robin Tennis, Tot Time, Water Polo, Dance Workshops, Leadership Development, Playground and Summertastics, Lego Playland, and more. Check it out, there is something for everyone. Registration is on-going as long as space is available! For brochure information and online registration go to www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/.

FALL PROGRAMS

Looking ahead to the fall? Westwood Recreation has already advertised preschool and parent/child activities in the summer brochure. Funtastic programs such as Bookworms, Dig Those Dinosaurs, Lunch Bunch, Crawl & Climb, Toddler Time, Preschool Adventure, Ballet, Fall Fun, Play Date, Games Galore, and Music & Movement are being offered. Want to know more about these programs and other offerings? Go to www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/.

Rotary Club of Westwood News

Since the last newsletter

Rabies Clinic



The Rotary Club of Westwood assisted Dr. Durso and his staff from the Westwood Animal Clinic with his annual Rabies Clinic. The Rotarians gathered

information about each dog and cat prior to them receiving their rabies shot. Rabies shots given in this setting are valid for one year. Dogs and cats came from the Westwood community as well as surrounding towns. Westwood dog owners were also given the opportunity to license their dogs as well.

Pancake Breakfast

On Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010, the Rotary Club of Westwood once again held their Pancake Breakfast at Westwood High School. Those that attended not only enjoyed a delicious pancake breakfast but had the opportunity to have their picture taken with special guests, Dora the Explorer, SpongeBob Squarepants, and a famous mouse. Dora also gave the children a special gift to take home with them. Local businesses supported the event by submitting ads that adorned the placemats used at each place setting. A Shelterbox, like the ones that the



club sent to assist in Haiti, was displayed.

The Pancake Breakfast was well attended. See who will be our special guests next year as the club returns to making this an annual event

RAY Awards

At a recent luncheon meeting, the Rotary Club of Westwood along with Westwood Youth and Family Services recently recognized five Westwood students for their community service through the RAY (Recognized A Youth) program. *Victoria Neddar* participated in a holiday giving program by donating three American Girl dolls and accessories to children in need. Victoria also serves on the Student Council, and the school newspaper, in addition to playing soccer and singing in the youth choir. *Griffin Green* volunteers at SNARC as well as Rosie's Place and at a soup kitchen. He also plays soccer, baseball, tennis and is a part of the stage crew for his school's musical. *Celia Johnston, Katherine Santisi, and Colleen Mulhern*, all students at Thurston Middle School, are the force behind several school community projects. They help raise funds for Turkeys 4 America by organizing a charity dodge ball tournament. They have also worked at the Westwood Food Bank. Recipients receive certificates from both organizations as well as a U.S. Savings bond. ❖



June 26 – August 27
(Closed 7/5)

Monday	5:30 am-1:00 pm	4:00-8:00 pm
Tuesday	5:30 am-1:00 pm	4:00-8:00 pm
Wednesday	5:30 am-1:00 pm	4:00-8:00 pm
Thursday	5:30 am-1:00 pm	4:00-8:00 pm
Friday	5:30 am-1:00 pm	
Saturday	7:00 am-11:00 am	

Fitness Memberships

Number of Months	Single	Family	Westwood Senior
One month	\$20	\$35	\$15
Three months (10% off)	\$54	\$95	\$45
Daily	\$5		\$5



Special Events

Fireman's Foam – FREE

All Ages Welcome!
Wednesday, July 14, 2:00-3:00 pm
Deerfield School Field

Band Concerts – FREE

All Ages Welcome!
Monday Evenings 6:30 pm
The Senior Center



July 5 Westwood Swing Band
July 12 Overboard
July 19 Rick Goldin (children's concert)
July 26 Mike the Music Man (children's concert)

Sponsored by Westwood Young Women's Club

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Holocaust, Sue remembers being angry at my parents, and saying “why didn’t you stop that?” And there was a growing awareness of segregation of certain types of people. “My father made remarks about ethnic groups and I would question him about them.” Later, while attending Northfield School, the practice of segregated dormitory rooms disturbed her. So, she led a successful campaign to reverse this practice. She wished to have “a community where you could all be friends and not be separated.”

Mark: Childhood memories glow with the warm “close family feeling” his grandmothers inspired – the Sunday family dinners and the large annual family Hanukkah parties with presents for everyone. One family member stands out – Uncle Kivie Kaplan – a successful business man in the leather tanning business, and a philanthropist, who devoted himself to human rights causes and especially to the NAACP. He served as its national president from 1966 to 1975. Of him Mark says, “He was the guiding light in the family in this regard,” as evidenced by Mark choosing to drink from a water fountain marked “for colored only” while on a business trip in Alabama as a young man, without regard for who might see him. And, yes, he was confronted by a white man about it. Like Sue, an intolerance for injustice had been welling up within him. He sums it up, “It just is not right to allow certain people to enjoy only some rights and not others. God made us all and created us equal.”

More On Living Out Their Ideals

Interviewing Sue and Mark about themselves quickly becomes more about how they try to make the world a better place for anyone who needs it. Sue’s first action in Westwood, a decisive stand for integration, even before they moved in, was the abrupt dismissal of the realtor when Sue was looking at homes to buy. The realtor said, in prejudiced reference to a certain neighborhood, “*You don’t want to live here.*” Of course, the realtor didn’t know that Sue and Mark were about to sell their home in Newton to an afro-American family, a remarkable suburban achievement for 1962. And for this, they endured threats and name calling. A movement several years later, to form a Westwood Fair Housing Committee, would find Mark and Sue at the forefront, though it was short-lived in a community not quite ready to adopt the idea. However, another opportunity for supporting integration eventually came to Westwood with the METCO program, again with Sue and Mark holding high the banner. Two of their own children were in the first integrated classrooms. Says Mark, “People don’t choose

the color of their skin, it’s the way they came into this world!” Says Sue, “So many people need help!”

Laotian boat people, after the Vietnam War, were among those desperately needing help. Sue and Mark took in a family and successfully encouraged members of Temple Beth David to participate. Then there were the Vietnamese orphans of war who occupied a place in Sue’s heart, which resulted in her organizing a program at the Pine Hill School (now Hanlon School) for her daughter and classmates to make “sock dolls” to send to the orphans. More recently, Sue has done the same for children in Iraq, through the Westwood Intergenerational Program. Also, they have opened their home to many exchange students from around the world.

Their lists of community contributions are long and varied. Many people recognize Sue from her participation in the League of Women’s Voters, her volunteering in special needs classes where she succeeded in starting the program of mainstreaming these students into regular classrooms, her leadership on the Westwood Drug Committee, and her service on the Dedham Suicide Hot Line. Mark was one of the founders of the original Westwood Youth Hockey program, as well as “Umpire-in-Chief” of the Westwood Little League, when he wasn’t behind the plate himself. He was a long time Trustee of the Dedham Savings Bank and to this day continues to lead his 17-member Westwood Swing Band which plays throughout the area. Also, remembering his brother Joe who was mentally challenged, Mark serves as a board member of Lifeworks, a division of SNCARC (South Norfolk County Association for Retarded Citizens).

Benefits of Diverse Cultures in a Community

Mark and Sue agree that a diverse community helps people to appreciate and accept differences, to accept folks for who they are. And in it’s highest sense, they say, “A community that enjoys diversity offers an opportunity to live in a town that follows the words of our forefathers and the Declaration of Independence, namely that we are all created equal under the eyes of God.”

How Westwood Could Become More Diverse

Susan: “Registering to vote! The *moment* people move in. The need is to find ways to encourage everyone to vote, to have a voice and active participation. Then they become part of the community.”

Mark: “Let’s *think* of ourselves as diverse. Wherever there’s a sign that says ‘Entering Westwood,’ there could be another sign that reads, ‘A Community Rich in Diversity,’ making this a part of the town’s symbol.” ❖

Hale Reservation – Proud to be accredited by the American Camp Association

As home to the largest day camp in the country, Hale Reservation certainly makes Westwood a destination for many summer campers. Hale Reservation was founded in 1918 and Hale Day Camp is in operation from June through the end of the summer. Hale Day Camp takes the responsibility of providing a safe, yet fun, camping experience very seriously.

“Parents expect their children to attend accredited schools. They also deserve a camp experience that is reviewed and accredited by an expert, independent organization. Hale Reservation and ACA form a partnership that promotes summers of growth and fun in an environment committed to safety,” says Eric Arnold, Hale Reservation executive director and ACA-New England president. “ACA accreditation demonstrates our commitment to quality camp programming.”

“ACA Accreditation means that Hale Day Camp has submitted to a thorough review of its operation by the American Camp Association (ACA) – from staff qualifications and training to emergency management – and complied with the highest standards in the industry,” said Nancy Hartmann, ACA-New England Standards Chair.

ACA accreditation is voluntary for camps. As part of accreditation, Hale Day Camp will undergo a peer review this summer, a requirement of all ACA accredited camps

which will include a review of up to 300 standards of its operation.

ACA is the only independent accrediting organization reviewing camp operations in the country. Its nationally recognized standards program focuses primarily on the program quality, health and safety aspects of a camp’s operation. ACA collaborates with experts from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Red Cross, and other youth-serving agencies to assure that current practices at the camp reflect the most up-to-date, research-based standards in camp operation. For more parent-focused information about accreditation, visit ACA’s www.CampParents.org/. For more information, on Hale Day Camp call 781-326-1770 or visit our website at www.HaleReservation.org/. ❖

Farewell Fido

From September through May, dog walking is allowed at Hale. During that period, dog walkers make up the largest percentage of our daily, public users. Dog walking is prohibited at Hale, however, from May 29 to Sept 6, 2010. The change is necessary as Hale Day Camp, various other agency camps and Membership Beach all open at this time of year. We’ll miss our canine friends, but we know that we will see them in September. ❖

Your Stories, Events, News Items Wanted! Future newsletters are due to be delivered to homes on or about September 15, December 15, 2010 and March 15, 2011. Please submit articles for consideration 5 weeks prior to the expected delivery dates. Newsletter correspondence can be sent to: Diane Thornton, Editor, Westwood Community Newsletter, 580 High Street, Westwood, MA 02090 or email: newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us

Todd J. Schwartz Charity Memorial Softball Tournament!

The 8th Annual Charity Softball Tournament and Family Day will be held on Saturday, June 12th at the site of the Council on Aging on Nahatan Street from 9:30 am to 4 pm. Admission proceeds honor the charitable nature of the young man memorialized by this popular yearly event.

There will be many family-centered activities, including Uncle Moe’s children’s concert at 11 am. Musical additions include 2 bands led by local residents. Adding to the family fun will be a visit from Wally and NESAs will run children’s games including obstacle courses and other activities, such as face painting and a moonwalk. A caricaturist will also be on hand.

The silent auction will have Boston Red Sox tickets, autographed sports memorabilia from all Boston teams, a signed Tom Brady football and numerous gift certificates.

The Charity Softball games are open to everyone, players and fans alike. Senior citizens can eat free just by signing up! Admission for players, fans and families include a bar-b-que lunch, ice cream, music, a commemorative t-shirt and bracelet.

Donation packages are as follows:

FAMILY OF 4 – \$100 (\$5 per additional member).

FAN PACKAGE – \$25 (one person).

PLAYER PACKAGE – \$75 (one person).

WESTWOOD SENIOR CITIZENS – FREE

Pre-registration is preferred, but walk-ins will be accepted. Be there for opening ceremonies at 9:30, stay for the day, cheer on the teams of Westwood teachers & students that are participating in the softball tournaments and show your support...you’ll be glad you did!

To register, please call the Westwood Recreation Department or email Todd’s mom, Janet, at JSchwartz@fortodd.org with any inquiries. ❖



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Dear Westwood Residents,

As I look ahead to the 2010-2011 school year, I am almost certain that the town will be faced with critical financial decisions. That is, how do we continue to pay for the services our residents want and deserve, with the scarcity of revenue available to fund them? With the state budget seemingly years away from a recovery, towns like Westwood may be forced to fend for themselves. After two straight years of 0% budget increases, your public schools need an infusion of funding. How that happens is a decision that warrants a thoughtful and honest discussion. As a resident of Westwood, I know firsthand that no one, including me, wants to pay higher property taxes.



However, in the absence of new state or local revenue, and with budgets reaching the "tipping point," a Proposition 2½ override may be our only option if we wish to maintain our current service level. I am hopeful that there are better options for us, yet it is also my responsibility to be realistic.

Regardless of what happens next year, you have my commitment that Westwood residents will receive the same high level of communication that has become the hallmark of our school administration. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns about school-related issues, either at the office at 781-326-7500 x1340 or by e-mail at superintendent@westwood.k12.ma.us. Thank you.

John A. Atomei

Thurston Students Visit Hale Reservation

With focused enthusiasm, bands of young scientists move through the woods of Hale Reservation. Each student is carrying a field notebook along with a hand lens or binoculars. After a brief orientation, the children begin searching the edges of a fallow field. **April Hobart**, a scientific illustrator for Harvard University, offers tips to students as they sketch and record observations. Also on hand is Hale Reservation's education director **Adrienne Farfalla**,



who circulates and talks with students about the process of succession, whereby the field will revert to forest over time. Eight years ago, seventh grade science teacher and on-call field biologist **Mike McCarthy** met with **Jay Walsh** at Hale Reservation to plan a day of outdoor science classes for seventh graders. The resulting

trip has given upwards of 1,600 students first-hand experiences with the stuff they read about in science textbooks. Children walk up and down glacial deposits and get up-close and personal with the living organisms in a vernal pool. The trip also gives kids the chance to get out and enjoy nature. As McCarthy notes, "Sometimes it is difficult for me to determine whether the enthusiasm and commitment children exhibit...is because students are exercising content they already know, or whether it is because they are outside."



The fallow field is one of five learning stations set up along a loop trail. A second station is located along the shores of a vernal pool. The third stop is the watershed station, where students build and experiment with a watershed model based on maps developed by

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At left: **Emily Hanlon** and **Ellen Padula** measure elevation near **Cat Rock**; above: **Matt Talcott** examines a vernal pool sample.



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Community Service Thrives at Deerfield School

by Allan Cameron, Deerfield Principal

Community service is a value that we have been developing with the students as a school-wide goal since last year. The goal is for all of our students to understand their responsibilities to their local, national, and global communities. We have had several successful initiatives that have raised money for the American Red Cross, the Smile Train, the Humane Society, and the American Cancer Association.

Recently we held our first whole-school food drive. This initiative, created and run by our kindergarten teachers **Terese Hardy** and **Robin Greene**, encouraged all students and staff to donate items to the Westwood Food Pantry. Each grade was responsible for collecting a unique item. Ms. Greene and Mrs. Hardy counted the items each week and tracked our collection progress on a large graph. I am pleased to report that we collected over 300 items for the Westwood Food Pantry! The grade that collected the greatest number of items was grade two with 88 cans of fruit!

Our culminating service event this year is the First Annual Deerfield Walk-a-thon, for which students are raising money to participate. All proceeds will go to the Westwood Council on Aging, a group with whom we work closely in our Intergenerational Program. 

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*Eva Orsini and Chris
O'Connor meet a vernal
pool inhabitant.*

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Westwood engineer **Chris Gallagher** and **Carly Rocklen** of the Neponset River Watershed Association. At station four, students use stereo-microscopes to observe organisms collected in the vernal pool. The fifth and final stop along the loop brings students to Cat Rock, where they learn about the geological history of the outcrop. Using homemade clinometers and other devices, the students record changes in elevation. Back in the classroom, they'll put those measurements to use by making their own contour maps of Cat Rock. Blue Team student **Patrick Forde** noted that he enjoyed the microscope station the best, because it "gave me a great opportunity to learn about different types of vernal pool critters."

McCarthy's ultimate goal is for students to be able to form "meaningful and personal connections...to their local environment." The proximity and accessibility of Hale Reservation allows them to do just that. 

WESTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY — SUMMER 2010

For further information, please visit or call the Main Library Children's Department at 781-320-1042 or the Islington Branch Library at 781-326-5914. Also, please visit the library web page at www.westwoodlibrary.org/home

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Massachusetts 2010 Statewide Summer Reading Program: "GO GREEN AT YOUR LIBRARY"

Sign up for summer reading begins on the last day of school.
Readers may sign up in person or on-line!

Main Library Weekly Summer Programs – 2010

Registration is NOT required for most summer programs.

Preschool Literacy Adventures – Ages 2 & up with caregiver

July 13-Aug 10 Tuesdays, 10:15-11:00 a.m.
(No class on Aug 17, see below)

Wishing Well – Gr. K-3

July 13-Aug 17 Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Storytime – Ages 3 - 5

July 14-Aug 18 Wednesdays, 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Bedtime Storytime – All ages

July 14, 21 Wednesdays, 7:00-7:30 p.m.
Aug 4, 11, 18 Wear PJs!

Babies & Books – Under 2 years

July 16-Aug 12 Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

Special Summer Programs at Main Library

Get Ready To Go Green This Summer

July 6 Live creatures, ocean treasures and fish printing
with naturalist, Ellen Goethel.
Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. for ages 3-5
11:00 a.m. for school age
12:00 p.m. for school age.

**** As space is limited, registration is necessary for these
programs and begins on the last day of Westwood schools.

Go Green & Recycle, Reuse And Create Crafts

July 22 Using recycled materials and your imagination,
create, create, create!
Thursday, 4:00 p.m. All ages welcome.

Earth Rhythms, Songs And Stories For The Whole Earth!

with Davis Bates
Aug 17 Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.
All ages (Funded by the Westwood Cultural
Council)

Campfire Stories

Aug 24 Listen to librarian's favorite fireside stories!
Recommended for grades 2-5.
Tuesday, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Library Scavenger Hunt

Aug 26 Search the library for answers, earn prizes!
Thursday, 3:00 p.m. All Ages

Islington Branch Children's Summer Programs

Storytime – Ages 3 - 5

Jul 15-Aug 19 Thursdays, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Westwood Public Library Young Adult Summer Reading Program

Go Green At Your Library

July-August Read, blog, earn prizes, and qualify for a end-of-
season prize!
Grades 6 & Up
Readers may sign up in person or on-line
beginning on the last day of school!

Knitting

Aug 3, 10 17 Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
All materials will be supplied.
Grades 6-12

Registration is required, please visit or call the Reference Desk.

FOR MORE SPECIAL SUMMER READING EVENTS

Visit the library and/or watch the library web site!

TOWN BULLETIN BOARD

June 21 Last Day of School

July 11 Westwood Historical Society

August 1 Open House and Exhibit: "Westwood Families"
2:00-4:00 pm
Fisher School, 830 High Street

Sept. 6 Labor Day, Town Hall closed

Sept. 7 Students' First Day back to school

Poor weather on May 8th, did
not keep everyone away from
the Fishing Derby. Pouring
rain and lightening eventually
ended the event early, but
some nice fish were caught
before that call was made.
Better luck next year!



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